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Honorable Leonard B. Sand
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
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Re: United States v. JAMES STANFORD
08 Cr. 680 (LBS)

Dear Judge Sand:

A grand jury sitting in this district returned an Indictment in the above-captioned case and the case was assigned to Your Honor. A copy of the Indictment is enclosed. I spoke with your Deputy and was informed that the parties should appear for the arraignment in magistrate court this week. We scheduled an initial pre-trial conference in front of Your honor for August 7th at 11:30 am. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the time between today and August 7, 2008, the date of the next pre-trial conference, be excluded for purposes of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), in the interests of justice. The granting of such a continuance best serves the ends of justice and outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, because it allows the Government to begin gathering the discovery in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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